gonig to officers who have not handled district charges;

(e) if so, the reasons for showing favour to officers who did mostly secretariat service;

(f) what steps are being taken to remove such disparities and give adequate emphasis in matter of promotions to officers who did well in district service; and

(g) what are the details of such measures taken recently in administrative reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c), (e), (f), and (g) Appointments of officers to senior posts under the Government are based on an overall assessment of their record and performance in their career. A good record in field assignments will get reflected in this assessment. Guidelines have been issued from time to time for careers development of direct recruits in the IAS. Recently, guidelines were issued to all the States in regard to the need for providing filed experience to the officer at appropriate levels of their career.

(d) No, Sir.

Abolition of Excise Duty on capital goods

1891. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has suggested to Government to abolish Central Excise Duty on capital goods, and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The suggestion for abolition of excise duty on capital goods was considered but was not found acceptable.

Royalty to the authors of 'Builders of Modern India' series of books

1892. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of royalty paid to authors of books in the series of 'Builders of Modern India' during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount still to be paid to the authors during this period and the number of authors to whom payments are to be made; and

(c) what is the total number of world books of the said series during the last two years, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total amount of royalty paid to the authors of the books in the series 'Builders of Modern India' during the last three years (upto 23-2-87) is Rs. 35,730.73.

(b) An amount of Rs. 6,145.00 approximately is still to be paid to eight authors.

(c) The total number of books published in the series during the last two years (upto 23-2-87) is given below:

	1984-85	1985-86
1. English	5	2
2. Hindi	7	4
3. Assamese	1	—
4. Kannada	1	—
5. Marathi	1	1
6. Malayalam	—	1
7. Telugu	—	1
TOTAL :	15	9